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Civil Service Reform.

No honest and true Republican asks to be retained, and none other should be retained. In the South a sweep with a clean broom is demanded by all Democrats.

"Turn the rascals out."

THE CIVIL SERVICE AND THE OHIO ELECTION.

Candid and thinking Democrats are not, and should not be, disposed to ignore the prime cause of the defeat of their State ticket in Ohio. They will also charge up to the real debtor the loss of the Legislature by a small majority. The avoidance of the main fact only involves sophistry and deception.

The election of the Republican candidates for State officers, notwithstanding the unprecedented vote of 28,000 for the Prohibition nominee, has led many to the thoughtless conclusion that the Prohibition strength came mainly from the Democratic party, and that the Republicans were right, after all, in advocating a liquor tax system which had been pronounced unconstitutional in two Supreme Court decisions, and which had been voted down by a mountain majority when presented directly to the people in the form of a constitutional amendment.

That there was a considerable Democratic vote for the Prohibition ticket can not be denied; but it was not large enough to defeat the Democratic ticket, and what there was of it was mainly owing to a desire for refuge from Democratic ills. Governor Hoadly and his associate candidates retire to private life on account of apathy and dissatisfaction within their party.

The Democrats had the best of the argument at all points in the campaign. Governor Hoadly, easily overthrew Judge Foraker in joint debate, and Senator Sherman's sectional position was counter to the sentiment in the Republican as well as in the Democratic party.

The Civil Service Reform fraud has been the main cause of Democratic defeat. The falling off in the Hoadly vote in strong Democratic counties tells the story. The Democrats of Ohio are sick of hypocrisy and buncombe. The plainest people are well enough acquainted with the cardinal principles of our Government to see that the Civil Service system which was thrown upon the new Administration is undemocratic, unrepresentative, and aristocratic and exclusive, and they are not at all delighted with the zeal of the Administration in carrying out the provisions of the Civil Service act.

The offices of right belong to the party placed in power by the people, and the true theory of the Government can not be carried out through any other system. Even viewing the question from a mere spoils stand-point, it is inevitable that the Democratic party can not cope with its adversary unless it pursues the same tactics as to the public places which kept the Republican party in power for fifteen or twenty years.

No Democrat enjoyed place under Republican National Administration when it was possible to appoint a Republican.

No Democrat will hold place under the coming Republican State Administration when, by either fair means or distortion, a Republican can be preferred.

The Republican State Executive Committee, during the campaign just closed, levied large contributions on officeholders under a Democratic Administration.

Let us not mince words about the Civil Service fraud. It was born in aristocratic notions and cultured in buncombe. The Republicans have been reaping all the benefits. They have been preaching Civil Service reform to the Democrats, and practicing office-holding just as they did under Republican Administrations.

The Democrats have been handicapped in the moment of the first National Democratic victory in the present generation, and they have not been inclined to go to the polls and ratify the instrument which has humiliated them.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Ferdinand Ward was last Saturday sentenced to ten years in the New York penitentiary. He was connected with Grant in banking business. His crime was grand larceny. Banking men, such as those Norfolk fellows, should learn a lesson.

TARIFF.

Congress soon meets. It is a Democratic Congress as to the House, the Senate is Republican. For years every Democratic platform has had as a special feature a plank of tariff reform. The Administration this year is the first Democratic one that has been since the war. Democrats in their platforms and especially in the platform upon which the present Administration was elected have pledged the party to give the people a revision of the tariff. The people expect a complete reform of the present tariff system. No doubt an effort, and a successful one too, will be made by the Democrats of the House to revise the tariff.

And no doubt radical changes will be made in it, but to do this the tariff reformers should have the hearty co-operation of the Administration. Cleveland will soon send his Message to Congress and we suppose, he will in that message fully set forth the views of the Democrats of the country. The protective tariff men, since they see the inevitable tariff reform and succumbing to it, or at least a large part of them have recently come to the conclusion that a deep revision of the tariff is necessary. So, doubtless this winter high tariff will be blotted out and thus one of the highest aims of the Democratic party will be accomplished. Remember however that a Republican Senate stands in the way of all this.

EXTRACT FROM OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

The Cabinet officers are also excluding themselves as much as possible for the purpose of preparing their annual reports. It is certain that the administration will take very positive grounds on financial questions. Mr. Manning, and the new U. S. Treasurer, Mr. Jordan, will recommend in their reports the suspension of silver coinage. Mr. Jordan expects to show in his report that \$45,000,000 have already been lost in the attempt to force silver into circulation. It is held that it is not good financing to reduce the National debt which bears interest of only three percent, when the current rate is six percent.

Treasurer Jordan is a man of very pronounced views, and has a very plain way of stating them. He says if Thurman had stuck to the greenback, he would now be President of the United States. Senator Sherman, Mr. Jordan declares, would not dare to make such a statement on the floor of the Senate as he made in his Petersburg speech. If he were to advise such a thing in the Senate as the application of silver currency to the liquidation of the public debt, it would kill him forever, politically, and send him back to private life like Thurman was sent back when he changed his base on finance. Sherman, he says, blames the administration for not doing a thing which he himself would not dare to advocate.

At the exhibition this year there was one exhibit which attracted much attention and proved more interesting than any other, it being the first time that another State had a display at our Fair. This was the exhibit of the state of North Carolina in charge of the Commissioner of Immigration. This display, situated in the main building near the south-western entrance, showed two various products of the State, the exhibit comprising 112 varieties of wood, 164 of minerals, 56 of crystals and precious stones, 18 of corn, 9 of wheat, also the rice in the sheaf, 12 of oak acorns, 18 of wild fruits, 30 of building stone, 18 of peas and beans, 18 of grass seed, 64 medicinal herbs and plants, and exhibits of silk, cotton, wool, Golden Leaf North Carolina tobacco, and a series of interesting views of the fishing industry of the State. Mr. Patrick took great pleasure in explaining to every one the climate, soil and products of the State, and everything in connection with the exhibit.—Burlington (N. J.) Reporter.

The above is clipped from the Reporter of Oct. 19. Since Mr. Patrick has gone to so much trouble, we hope he will succeed in getting lots of New Jersey people to come here to live and then be able to send in a good report for the immigration bureau.

Senator Vance, we believe, more thoroughly understands our people and their opinions than any other man in the state, and he says that our people are not satisfied with the civil service humbug. They are not.

Some of the farmers in the western part of our state ship cattle in large numbers to the northern markets. Cattle raising, where land is plentiful and cheap, is profitable.

Gen. Beauregard is going to write a series of articles on the war for the North American Review, beginning with the January number.

McCLELLAN DEAD.

George B. McClellan passed across the river of death last Wednesday, and in his death the country lost the grandest union soldier produced during the late war on the Federal side. His genius and skill as a soldier and as an organizer had no equal in the North and but few superiors if any, in the South. His campaign around Richmond, while he failed to capture the confederate citadel did more to conquer and subdue the South than any other campaign during the war. His route was the key to the heart of the confederacy and the identical line on which Grant at last broke through the shell of "the South and gained the crown of glory which he so unworthily wore. The South lost in the seven days fight around Richmond the flower and backbone of her army. At that time the southern Army had in its ranks 80,000 thousand men from the best blood of the South, and each man was a hero fighting from a stern sense of duty. Eighty thousand such men never before nor since stood in battle array nor did any general on the Federal side ever meet in battle, such patriotism, enthusiasm, chivalry, and desperate fighters as McClellan met in his struggle around Richmond. We don't believe any other general on this continent could have extricated the Northern Army from its position. Nothing but superior military genius, management and the most desperate fighting could have saved his army from complete annihilation. The south must have lost in killed and wounded not less than 35 or 40 thousand men.

She never recovered from the fatal blows given her by George McClellan.

He killed and wounded more men in seven days than Grant killed and wounded in twelve months to reach the identical spot McClellan reached without the loss of one thousand men; and if the south had had the army that opposed McClellan, Grant would have been driven to Yorktown or Fortress Monroe within three days from the time he struck the chicko hominy.

Unfortunately for his reputation he was a Democrat and never surrendered or subordinated his principles like Grant and others, to suit the times and the men in power—therefore he remained under a cloud of suspicion during the war and ever since. We mean of course by the Republican party, the controlling power in this country for the last twenty-five years. McClellan combined the qualities of a wise statesman with those of a great general. He possessed this advantage over most military chieftains and had he surrendered his honor and his manhood together with the principles of the democracy of the country he would have ranked first in war and first in peace. But like an honorable man, true patriot, great soldier, and great statesman, he preferred to be right in the minority than wrong with the majority. He fought for the salvation of the Union and not for the subjugation of the South.

A great man has fallen asleep. May his mortal remains rest in peace and flowers bloom over his grave, and his soul rest in eternal glory.

Mr. Cleveland appointed Henry Ward Beecher's son to a collectorship;—he appointed Carl Schurz's brother-in-law to a consul-generalship; and at the suggestion of Mr. Curtis—he removed a good officer to appoint Mr. Burt. And in the face of this, he declares men must not be rewarded for party service. Goodness, gracious, how Henry Ward Beecher, Carl Schurz, and Curtis worked to elect Cleveland!

But Cleveland did not appoint these fellows, because these men worked for him. Oh no, certainly not. They were appointed from the highest motives of disinterested patriotism. If these three lords of mugwumpism had worked and voted for Jim Blaine, they would have been appointed all the same. But who believes it? May be some editor believes it but not this one.

One morning twenty-nine years ago the body of Mr. John Sadler, a celebrated Irish financier and speculator, was found lying stark and cold near Jackstraw's Castle, on Hamstead Heath, and near it the little vial containing prussic acid, with which, in the depths of his despair, he had rid himself of life. An inquest was held and the medical witness on the occasion was Dr. Edward Staunton. About ten days ago another body was found, stark and cold, on nearly the same spot, and the fingers still gripped a small bottle which had contained prussic acid. It was taken up and recognized as that of the same Dr. Edward Staunton, whom the weary passage of twenty-nine years had brought to the same end.—Ex.

Louis Pasteur, a French scientist has discovered a cure for hydrophobia. It consists in inoculation.

ONLY THIS.

"Ex-Congressman Kitchin, of Scotland Neck, does everything, if we judge by his advertisement in the DEMOCRAT, of which he is editor."—Chronicle.

Does that mean "everything of which he is editor" or "DEMOCRAT of which he is editor"? If it means the latter then we wonder whether it was written through mistake, through meanness or perhaps through carelessness. If through mistake then we have nothing to say. If through carelessness and ignorance, they are inexcusable. Our name is plain on this sheet. The Chronicle judges from the advertisement, which is also in this issue; you read it and you will see that it also tells who is the editor. Now how could our contemporary have made its mistake? Such carelessness, if it is that, should not be expected from a journalist who has been recently so much praised, for the journalistic qualities which he truly possesses. But say our name was not on the DEMOCRAT at all now, could our friend even then be ignorant? No, for in our issue of Sept. 3, we made a correction especially for the edification of the Wilson Advance the editor of which at that time was the present editor of the Chronicle, Mr. Josephus Daniels, the Advance having made a somewhat similar remark to the above taken from the Chronicle.

We are no Ex-Congressman. We have never seen the pencil driver of the Chronicle, but because we are personally unknown to him, and because he does know a W. H. Kitchin, from this place, still, when our name is plain on every paper, when even the advertisement referred to contains the necessary information and when we have before directly corrected such a mistake for him, should he make such a remark and then attribute it to ignorance, to a mistake, and to pure carelessness, or should it be attributed to a reckless handling of non-existing things and to meanness. We must say that it seems strange to us, and what motive prompted it we can not guess. We are patient, and we do not think Capt. Kitchin desires to become an editor and surely no circumstance whatever could have caused the Chronicle to believe that he is one. Our patience with such remarks as the above is well nigh exhausted since the remarks come from so near the same source every time.

An apology is due our readers for noticing this. We do not care a cent about it as far as concerns Capt. Kitchin or the DEMOCRAT or ourself. Of course it matters not as to us but the past corrections, and the present circumstances and similar remarks previous to this one surely are enough to arouse suspicions in our mind as to the sincerity, the prompting motive, and the intent of the remark. Our readers to fully understand this should have read closely the DEMOCRAT, and the Advance and Chronicle (during Mr. Daniels' connection with these two) for the past few months.

If we have misinterpreted our contemporary, and if the remark has any excuse whatever, either ignorance or carelessness, then we are ready to beg pardon.

The brother-in-law of the New York Herald who bent all his energies to defeat Hill and one of the editors of the New York Times who is denouncing Hill and praising Davenport are both fleeing foreign missions under Cleveland and this is called civil service reform and Jeffersonian democracy in the superlative degree—have mercy on us!

One Republican Deaver—brother-in-law to E. B. Vance—a clerk in the Treasury department was dismissed by Secretary Manning and at once General E. B. Vance, mustered his forces and marshalled his influence from democratic source and had Republican Deaver reinstated and a democrat kicked out, and this is called Jeffersonian democracy. Shades of the departed!

A Republican is appointed Post-Master in the city of New York who has under him seventeen hundred Republican appointees instead of so many Democrats, and this is called civil service reform, pure and simple. Deliver us!

Seven-eighths of all the Republican appointees under Arthur's administration are still in office under Cleveland, instead of so many Democrats and this is called democracy. Swallow this who may and give three cheers for Cleveland, but please excuse us.

The New Orleans exposition opens this month. The stock-holders have done all they could to make it a grand success and perhaps it will be.

European statesmen are generally old men.

Virginia—20,000 Democratic majority—Mahone defeated.

Three cheers for Virginia! New York elects Hill by more than ten thousand majority. Hurrah for Hill and Democracy!

We have gladly placed the Greene county Enterprise or our exchange list. Mr. J. R. Whichard, who had much experience as one of the editors of the Reflector, is the editor and the Enterprise is a clean sheet.

The Herald warns the people of Smithfield to look out for burglars. They have visited many towns lately. Watch out.

Does Everything Except Preach.

Ex-Congressman Kitchin, of Scotland Neck, does everything, if we judge by his advertisement in the DEMOCRAT, of which he is editor. He tells the people to carry their corn and wheat to his mill to be ground, bring cotton to be ginned or sold to his gin buy or have lumber tongued or grooved at his lumber mill, buy harness and trunks at his store, purchase carts and wagons made at his shops, rent or buy a store or house at his real estate agency, subscribe for the DEMOCRAT, and give him their law practice. Now if brother Kitchin would turn preacher (we once heard him deliver a Sunday School lecture—next thing to it) he would make a whole community in himself.—Chronicle.

Some men have declined positions on the Civil Service commission.

Krupp's most improved gun will kill at a distance of nine miles. J. L. M. Curry, minister to Spain, will soon sail.

Cleveland is troubled about his coming Civil Service Commission.

Virginia and New York elections on Tuesday the third.

Thomas R. Jernigan, of this state, is a newly appointed consul to Japan.

W. J. Best, of railroad fame in this state is in jail in Boston on a charge of embezzlement.

It is gratifying to note that Democratic newspapers are awakening to the stupendous idiocy of the Civil Service law.—Cincinnati Enquirer, Dem.

Four White Republican postal clerks and three colored are still on the route from Richmond to Wilmington instead of 85 many Democrats and this is called Jeffersonian democracy.

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